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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH Office of the City Manager

Letter to Commission No. 068-2005

To:

Mayor David Dermer and

Members of the City Commission

From:

Jorge M. Gonzalez

City Manager

Subject:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FY 2005/06 FOR CDBG PROGRAM

On February 1, 2005, the Housing and Community Development Division of the Neighborhood Services Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) announcing the availability of federal funds for FY 2005/06. Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notifies the City of the approximate allocation of federal funds to be available for the upcoming fiscal year. This year, the City anticipates that it will receive \$2,002,924 in CDBG funds (a 7.41% decrease in funds of \$160,076 from FY 2004/05) and \$0.00 in the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program (No ESG funds).

The reduction in CDBG program funds is a result of the new census figures for 2000 which reflect the reduction in population for Miami Beach, the reduction of persons living in poverty in Miami Beach, housing overcrowding, age of housing and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas. Additionally, every year, the limited amount of HUD funds have been spread thinner since there are increasingly more municipalities nationwide meeting the population threshold to become their own entitlement jurisdictions. These changes in the City's census numbers and HUD funding also resulted in no new funding under the ESG program.

For FY 2005/06, the amount available for the CDBG, including prior year unspent funds, is a total of \$2,287.357. Of that, below is the preliminary breakdown of proposed allocations:

	2005/06	2004/05	Difference
For Public Services	394,163	472,472	(78,309
For Other Eligible Services	890,063	877,000	13,063
Annual Repayment for Section 108 Loan	405,000	380,000	25,000
Code Compliance for North Beach	72,581	72,581	C
Program Subtotal	1,761,807	1,802,053	(40,246)
CDBG Program Administration	525,550	523,600	1,950
Total	2,287,357	2,325,653	(38,296)

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Proposals for FY 2005/06 are due in the Housing and Community Development Division no later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 2, 2005. As in previous years, all applicants will be encouraged to develop programs that have substantial and comprehensive effects on the priority needs and conditions of the City of Miami Beach relating to the overall goals and objectives of the CDBG program. The RFP is available in the Housing and Community Development Division office or may be downloaded from the city's website.

This year, the planning phase for the development of the One-Year Action Plan includes the simultaneous development of the next Five-Year Consolidated Plan for federal funds. As in years past, the Housing and Community Development Division will collaborate with the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), with local community based organizations and residents to determine the priority needs for the upcoming program year. The process will include the opportunity to publicly determine the needs and priorities of community development and housing in the target areas regarding the neighborhood revitalization, streets and public facilities improvements, and the provision of public services.

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c: Thomas N. Urriola, Division Interim Director, Housing and Community Development Community Development Advisory Committee

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